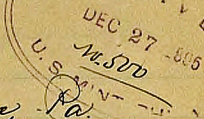


Hunter, N.Y.
Dec. 25, 1895



U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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 plainly stamped into piece.
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I remain Yours etc. Wm. D. Boies.

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dollar of date 1797 in
good state of preservation
describes it, also
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He wants to sell and
asks for reply and the
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